

# BEAVERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

# GENERAL ORDER

NUMBER: 8.01.00  
SUBJECT: UNSAFE CONDITIONS  
EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 1, 1999  
REVIEW: AUGUST 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007

1. EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITY. Every employee is responsible for safety. To achieve the City goal of providing a safe workplace, everyone must be safety conscious. Employees should report any unsafe or hazardous condition directly to a supervisor immediately, if it cannot be corrected independently. Every effort will be made to remedy safety problems as quickly as possible.

A. Use the safety equipment which has been provided for use. Use of protective vests is required for uniformed personnel and those working special or hazardous operations.

B. Do not report for work or operate equipment while medication, drugs, or alcohol are present in the body without a doctor's written approval, unless the employee is confident that side-effects and/or impairment is not an issue.

C. Operate only equipment for which training or orientation has been received.

D. Warn coworkers of unsafe conditions or practices.

E. Refrain from horseplay at all times.

F. Be aware of actual and potential police hazards within the area of service.

2. MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY. Consideration of safety issues shall be ongoing. Each accident is cause for review. The need for periodic training will be considered and arranged when appropriate in the judgment of the Chief of Police or his designee. Members and their representatives are encouraged to communicate safety concerns to the Chief of Police or to an appropriate supervisor.

3. MANAGING UNSAFE CONDITIONS. It is every employee's responsibility to identify conditions that could pose a hazard to employees or to the general public. After identifying the problem, employees at the scene are expected to:

- A. Eliminate the hazard and obtain whatever assistance is necessary.
  - B. Control the hazard by enclosure or guard.
  - C. Employ avoidance procedures.
  - D. Use of personal protective equipment as appropriate.
4. HAZARDOUS ROAD CONDITIONS. Officers on patrol play an important role in keeping our streets and highways safe and traffic flowing safely. Hazardous road conditions such as holes in the street, missing traffic signs, and signals out should be reported through dispatch or records to the appropriate agency responsible for street or highway maintenance. When hazardous conditions warrant traffic control, the responding or reporting officer will remain on the scene until relieved by the appropriate street or highway department or a patrol supervisor.

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Chief of Police                      Date